

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1316
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GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the genetically modified crops are being produced in the country from commercial point of view;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the dates on which the approval was given by the Government for the cultivation of these crops, crop-wise;
- (d) whether the reports have been submitted by the scientists in regard to the impact of cultivation of each crop;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, organisation-wise;
- (f) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests have openly expressed its views recently in regard to approval for the cultivation of these crops; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) : Sir, till date, the Government has not approved any genetically modified crop for commercial cultivation in the country. There are many transgenic crops under various stages of research and contained trials.
- (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g) : Does not arise in view of the above.